

Weekly Construction Update

Nov 3 - 7, 2014



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What's New on Site this Week?

Exterior

- South façade marble is being field measured for repairs.

Interior

- East wing architectural demolition is complete and structural demolition has started. This involves cutting new holes in walls and floors to provide space for new mechanical shafts.
- Newly installed windows are being tested for wind and water intrusion.

Continuing Activities

Exterior

- Main roof repair efforts are wrapping up for the season.
- North Wing: Marble repair and restoration continues.
- West Wing: Marble repair and restoration continues.

Interior

- Underground work intensifies through mid-November.
- Demolition activities continue.
- Basement: Concrete slab removal and foundation underpinning continues. Miscellaneous asbestos removal continues. Mechanical, electrical, plumbing installation continues.

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Anticipated Noise and Disturbances

Exterior

- Expect noise, machinery, workers, scaffolding, closed sidewalks.

Interior

- West elevator services Ground through 3rd floors only and the Basement is closed to the public effective August 29 – mid-November.
- Underground noise, vibration and corridor reconfiguration intensifies through mid-November.

Looking Ahead – Three Weeks Out

Exterior

- Installing more directional signage outside of the Capitol to better guide visitors through construction areas.
- Window work for Phase II will be complete.

Interior

- Structural demolition uses large saws. As the work moves through the building there will be some new noises.
- Construction activity accelerates through mid-November.
- Office walls being built on the basement level.

Featured Notice

Scaffolding will be removed from the North Wing and part of the West Wing exterior in November.

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A master carver focuses on intricate details while blending new marble with old.



Scaffolding goes up around statues on the south façade.

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To browse planning and communications documents about this project visit the [Minnesota State Capitol Preservation Commission website](#).

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What to Expect

The Capitol is an active construction site and your safety is our number one priority. Please stay within the designated public areas.

Interior

- Restrooms are very limited.
- Expect to see temporary walls where construction is present.
- Expect construction workers and machinery, noise and vibration.
- The basement tunnel is open to employees only Aug. 29 – mid-Nov. Temporary corridors will slightly reconfigure day-to-day to accommodate work areas. Signage will guide you through the corridors.
- An audio recording helps blind and low-vision employees navigate the Capitol tunnel as they enter the Capitol basement from the State Office Building.

Exterior

- Expect scaffolding, chain link fences, machinery, noise, workers and closed sidewalks.

What's Open

- Entrances: South Main Entrance and the accessible Ground Floor Entrance under the South Main Entrance stairs.
- West Wing: 2nd, 3rd floors. Entire North Wing.
- Basement tunnel: Open to employees only effective Aug. 29 – mid-Nov.
- West elevator, adjacent to South Main Entrance, services Ground through 3rd floors only effective Aug. 29 – mid-Nov.
- Public Restrooms: Unisex restrooms available on 2nd and 3rd floors, both located on the east side of the House Chamber. Employees can also use restrooms next to the Rathskeller.

What's Closed

- Entrances: East Wing, West Wing, University Ave (north side of building).
- Rotunda
- East Wing: All floors.
- West Wing: Ground, 1st Floors.
- Quadriga
- NE circular stairs: Closed to the public, except for emergencies.
- East elevator: All floors.
- Basement tunnel: Closed to the public, effective Aug. 29 – Nov. 1.
- West elevator: Basement floor only.

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